

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

MEETING AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
(CARSON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER ROOM)
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5:30 P.M.
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action Can be Taken)

At this time, public comment will be allowed on those items not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction and control of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

Public comment is limit to three minutes per speaker. If you are going to comment on a specific agenda item scheduled for discussion and action, please do so when that item is opened for public comment.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Wildlife Board reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner; to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and; to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **May 10, 2016**

The Administrative Agenda will be handled as follows:

- (1) The Chairman will read the agenda title into the public record.
- (2) The Presenter, if any, will provide a report.
- (3) The Board will then discuss the matter.
- (4) The public will then be allowed to comment on the item and comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker.
- (5) Once public comment is completed, the Board will then ask any

follow-up questions and take action.

1. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.**
2. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROCESSES FOR LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION AND HARVEST MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES.**
3. **The following items, 3a through 3r, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, June 24 & 25, 2016, at the Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Greenhaw Technical Arts (GTA) Building, Room 130, Elko, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.**

3a–3r. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

3a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON DUCK STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6*)

3b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve projects submitted for upland game bird stamp funds. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7*)

3c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S FISCAL YEAR 2017 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. The Commission may approve budgets for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife for fiscal year 2017. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8B*)

3d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 NDOW BIENNIAL BUDGET. The Commission may make recommendations to the Department for the biennial budget request. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8C*)

3e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE WILDLIFE HERITAGE COMMITTEE'S HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS. Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the Commission will review committee recommendations and may approve requests for extension of projects approved in previous years. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9A 1*)

3f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE WILDLIFE HERITAGE COMMITTEE'S HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. The Commission will review committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of unused Heritage

funds from previously approved projects to any other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9A 2*)

3g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE'S FISCAL YEAR 2017 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. The Commission will hear the recommendations from the Heritage Committee and may take action to approve 2017 project applications for funding. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9A 3*)

3h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 1, GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMISSION. The Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 1, General Guidelines for the Commission, and may take action as recommended by the APRP Committee. Recommendations include editorial changes from the May committee and Commission meetings, changes to reflect current practices and standards, including a section on Commission record-keeping, and spacing the number of a Commission Policy's "first and second readings" from one meeting to the next before a change to a policy is adopted. This is the final reading to adopt revisions to Commission Policy 1. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 17*)

3i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION STRATEGY UPDATE. The Department will provide the Commission with an update on the comparative, qualitative, and quantitative data collected regarding the formulation of the License Simplification Strategy that the Department plans to implement through the upcoming legislative session. The Department's consultant, Chase and Chase Consulting, will provide a detailed briefing on the data obtained through comparisons of license structures with other states, qualitative data collected through focus groups, and quantitative data collected through a phone survey. The Commission may choose to provide the Department with guidance on license structure, strategy, and associated costs. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 18*)

3j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON SUSTAINING AMERICA'S DIVERSE FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES. The Commission will consider and may approve a resolution of support for the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel that Congress dedicate reliable annual funding from existing revenue towards implementation of the State's Wildlife Action Plan and state delivered conservation. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19*)

3k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT OF BIENNIAL FISCAL YEARS 2016 AND 2017 UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN. The Commission will hear a request to amend the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 to consider additional release locations for wild turkeys. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20*)

3l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 16-13, 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS. The Commission will establish regulations for

seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, and falconry seasons for 2016 – 2017 and 2017– 2018 seasons. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 21*)

3m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 16-03 AMENDMENT #1, 2017 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS, HERITAGE TAGS ORGANIZATION/VENDOR SELECTION. The Commission will consider selection of the 2017 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations; and will also consider language changes associated with the sealed bid process to potentially address any outstanding Heritage tags not allocated to vendors. . (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22*)

3n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 458, ELECTRONIC RIFLE TRIGGERS, CALIBER AND CARTRIDGE LENGTH, AND SMOKELESS POWDER RESTRICTIONS, LCB FILE NO. R144-15. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it legal to hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge of .22 or larger [and has a barrel length of 4 inches or more]. The third change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge of caliber .50 or larger or case length longer than 3 inches. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with any sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.

Two workshops have been held on this regulation change; one on January 29, 2016 and one on March 25, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to change “3.8 inches overall loaded length” to “3 inches case length”, change “.46 caliber” to “.50 caliber”, change the minimum legal handgun cartridge to “caliber .22 or larger”, and change “electronic or computer controlled trigger” to “sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.” (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23*)

3o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 459, UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES), LCB FILE NO. R145-15. The Commission will consider amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change would make the prohibition of using aerial devices for the purpose of hunting and scouting from July 1 to the last day of February each calendar year rather than the current prohibition of 48-hours prior to and during any open season. The second change is to clarify existing language that prohibits the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for the purpose of hunting, locating, or observing big game animals. The changes would extend aerial scouting prohibitions and clarify the existing regulation by explicitly listing unmanned aerial vehicles. The third change is to clarify real-time satellite images. The proposed amendment would also add game birds and fur-bearing mammals to the aerial scouting and hunting prohibition.

Two workshops have been held on this regulation change; one on January 29, 2016 and one on March 25, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to add “game birds and fur-bearing mammals” to the season closure on aerial scouting and hunting, change

the closure dates to say July 1 to the last day of February each calendar year, and to add and define the term "real-time" to clarify satellite imagery. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 24*)

3p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 460, DEFINITION OF "SPIKE ELK", LCB FILE NO. R013-16.

The Commission will consider adopting amendments to NAC 502.104 and 502.1045 to define "Spike Elk" in a manner that limits inadvertent errors in the field. The intent is to consider and possibly broaden the definition of spike in a manner that is consistent with the management objective of defining a spike while reducing the likelihood of errors in harvest identification. A workshop was held in Yerington on March 25, 2016 and further discussion on the proposed amendment occurred in Reno on May 14, 2016. The Commission amended the version of language for consideration at the June meeting that defines "spike" as any antlered elk having no more than two points above the top of the ear on either antler. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 25*)

3q. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 461, INDUSTRIAL ARTIFICIAL POND PERMITS (IAP), LCB FILE NO. R014-16.

The Commission will consider adopting regulation changes relating to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). It revises provisions relating to artificial industrial ponds; adds a provision on the purpose of permits; adds definitions for permanent closure and stabilized; adds new provisions and revises existing provisions relating to application, compliance, modification, renewal, and transfer of permits; and modifies provisions relating to assessment fee structure and payment tiers.

A workshop was held in Reno on May 13, 2016, where the Commission asked that the following language be added to Section 8 "...specifications for the design of any facility associated with the artificial or artificially created body of water according to the highest applicable payment tier within any of the following schedules:" This language was added to provide clarity that only the maximum amount found in any one of the applicable tiers will be assessed and that calculation will not be additive. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26*)

3r. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 462, ISSUING AND VERIFYING HULL NUMBERS OF VESSELS, LCB FILE NO. R015-16.

The Commission will consider the adoption of regulation changes to address federal regulatory changes the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has requested states to implement pertaining to hull numbers for vessels and the verification and issuance of these numbers; the processing of certificate of number applications for vessels to include language definitions, standardization of terminology regarding vessels and personal identification information of owners.

In order to receive federal matching funds associated with the Dingle Johnson Act, all states report vessel information annually to the USCG. In an effort to modernize and standardize their vessel database information, which the USCG collects from all of the states, the USCG amended federal law. This federal change standardizes terminology across all of the states and provides direction regarding the method that states assign and verify hull numbers. Ultimately, these federal changes are expected to improve state reporting. As a result the Department must amend state regulation to implement this

standardization effort in order to meet the USCG reporting requirements. These changes must be implemented by Jan. 1, 2017. A workshop was held in Reno on March 13, 2016. The Department provided several cleanup language changes, which were accepted by the Commission. . (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 27*)

4. **CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.** This is an opportunity for Board members to discuss any correspondence or communication they may have received regarding matters over which the Board has jurisdiction and control. No action will be taken other than to possibly have an item placed on the next agenda.
5. **DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 13 &14, 2016 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** There will be no action taken.
6. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.**
7. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 12 and 13, 2016, in Reno with time allocated for a Commission and County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife workshop. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting. The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016.
8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** This is an opportunity for Board members to request that items be placed on future agendas. There will be no deliberation or action taken other than to request the Chair to place the item on an agenda.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICES: The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any citizen who wishes to attend this meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please contact Craig Burnside, Chairman, at 775-901-2882, or, in writing, at 1388 Saratoga Street, Minden, Nevada 89423, as soon as possible.

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241, this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting day and has been posted before 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the following locations: Douglas County Community & Senior Center, Douglas County Historic Courthouse, USPS Gardnerville Post Office, and USPS Minden Post Office Main Office.

Copies of supporting material can be found at:

www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/. Copies of supporting material can be requested in person from Lorraine Kabat by calling 775-782-0029.

On some occasions, a quorum of this Advisory Board may be attendance at the Nevada Wildlife Commissioners meetings. No action will be taken by the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on those occasions other than to have a spokesperson inform the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners of the recommendations that this Advisory Board has duly acted upon at previous meetings.